

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace ¶2 on page 2, beginning at line 11 with the following:

The sysplex 100 is accessible to a plurality of client systems 140 via a network connection 145, typically a TCP/IP network. For clarity, only one client 140 is illustrated in Figure 21. The client 140 could be another parallel sysplex or a workstation or other personal computer. The client 140 views the sysplex 100 as one image, i.e., the client 140 views the sysplex as a single remote database, and not as a plurality of discrete DBMS members 121-123. When the client 140 wishes to submit a request or command to the database, the client 140 need only initiate communication with one DBMS member, e.g. 121, of the sysplex 100. In order to gain access to the one member 121, the client 140 sends a message to a domain name server (DNS) 130 asking for a network address, e.g. IP address, of a computer 101-103 in the sysplex 100 containing an active DBMS member 121-123.

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract: